

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Monday, March 28, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

Excused Absence:

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, March 14, 2016 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to deny the request from Fairmount Santrol Relay for Life Team for monetary donation to its Bowl-a-Thon on April 16, 2016 and/or Golf Outing on May 21, 2016 in order to remain consistent with current giving practices.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request from Joanne Milby of the Illinois Valley Alzheimer's Group, Inc. to hold the 9th Annual "Boo" Milby Memory 5K Race/Walk in the City of La Salle on Saturday, August 20, 2016 and related matters.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant the request from the La Salle Elementary Parent Teacher Association and the La Salle Firefighter's Association for a 2016 Raffle License.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income Report for February 2016 showing total fees collected of \$9,803.90.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to proclaim the City of La Salle as a Child Abuse Prevention City, April 5, 2016 as National Service Recognition Day, April 7, 2016 as Junior Achievement Day in La Salle and April as Fair Housing Month.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept and place on file the Illinois Department of Revenue Report showing sales tax collected for December 2015 of \$94,006.78 and referendum approved sales tax of \$40,864.46 for a total of \$134,871.24.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Duncan reported that the Public Health Committee met earlier in the evening and has no recommendation at this time regarding the request to allow burning of yard waste and garden refuse during designated weekends in the spring and fall.

OLD BUSINESS

The council asked Building Inspector Chris Covert to research and bring back information regarding simplifying building permit fees for new construction and remodels.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Herndon to increase annual Contractor License fees from \$25.00 to \$100.00 for all contractors.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

NEW BUSINESS

Attorney McPhedran explained that Cozen O'Connor is a law firm that Azavar, which is doing the utility/tax audit for the City, is recommending to assist them in this process. The proposal being considered tonight has language removed that in a prior proposal made the City responsible for some litigation fees. When the Council originally approved its agreement with Azavar it was with the understanding that if the audit resulted in litigation, Azavar would absorb any additional legal costs as part of the 45% retained by Azavar. This latest engagement letter clarifies that the City will not be responsible for paying the special counsel, it will come out of the fees retained by Azavar.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the retention of Cozen O'Connor P.C. as Specialized Counsel and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon to authorize Task Order No. 002 in the not to exceed amount of \$11,900 for the continuing Professional Services Agreement between the City of La Salle and Donohue & Associates, Inc. for the St. Vincent Lift Station emergency improvements and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Alderman Duncan inquired as to the costs involved to replace street signs. He explained that he has received requests to replace unreadable signs. Alderman Ptak suggested that we need to begin a sign program where each Alderman can develop a list of sign needs for their ward. Discussion followed. Mayor Grove indicated the Aldermen can call Beth Ketter to have a work order done to have problem signs replaced.

Alderman Schneider stated that he received a call from the owner of Buzzy's Bar regarding a ticket he received for excessive noise. The ticket did not explain fully what the issue was and the owner asked Alderman Schneider for clarification. Discussion followed, with the Mayor stating that bar owners do need to be respectful of the neighbors.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to approve **Ordinance 2623** an ordinance further regulating traffic within the City of La Salle.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

**Ordinance 2623: further
regulating traffic within the City
of La Salle. (Handicap signs
Trinity Catholic Academy)**

COMMENTS

Mike Kasap made some follow-up comments to the meeting held earlier concerning burning.

Brian Brown stated that the bids for the Rotary Park widening project came in approximately \$52,000 under budget, leaving the city's portion at \$244,000.

The council sang Happy Birthday to Attorney McPhedran.

There were no additional public comments.

8:21 p.m. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to exit recess regular session and enter Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters: Collective bargaining and related matters, acquisition and/or sale of city real estate and related matters and the employment, appointment, performance and/or compensation of non-union personnel and related matters pursuant to the Open Meetings Act including 5-ILCS 120 Section 2(c)1-3,5,6,and 11 thereof.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

9:16 p.m. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Duncan to exit Executive Session and resume regular session.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$379,261.41 (Total Payroll \$159,857.45, Bills to be Paid \$138,335.16, Total Bills Paid \$81,068.80) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

Motion Carried 8-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 9:16 p.m.



Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk